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Applicant: Takashi TSUKAMOTO *et al.*

Title: THIOLACTONES

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.560(b), submitted herewith is a record of the substance of the interview on October 4, 2005, between Examiner Susannah Lee and Suet Chong, regarding the above-captioned application. This statement is being submitted within one (1) month of the mailing date of October 19, 2005, of the Interview Summary and is therefore a timely response.

Attorney for the Applicants authorized the Examiner's Amendment, revising claims 1 and 18, and canceling claims 2, 6-17, 19-38 and 41. The parties agreed that all subject matter canceled as a result of the Examiner's Amendment are directed to non-elected subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications(s) to the non-elected subject matter which includes, without limitation, the compounds of formula I, wherein L is -O-, -S- or -NR₃-, the compounds of formulae II and III, the pharmaceutical compositions comprising such compounds, the methods of claims 14-37 and 41 other than methods for treating peripheral neuropathy, and the diagnostic kits of claim 38.

Respectfully submitted,

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